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Poppies.

Of all the blithesome blossoms
That in the garden grow,
The brightest and the gladdest,
The poppies are, I trow.

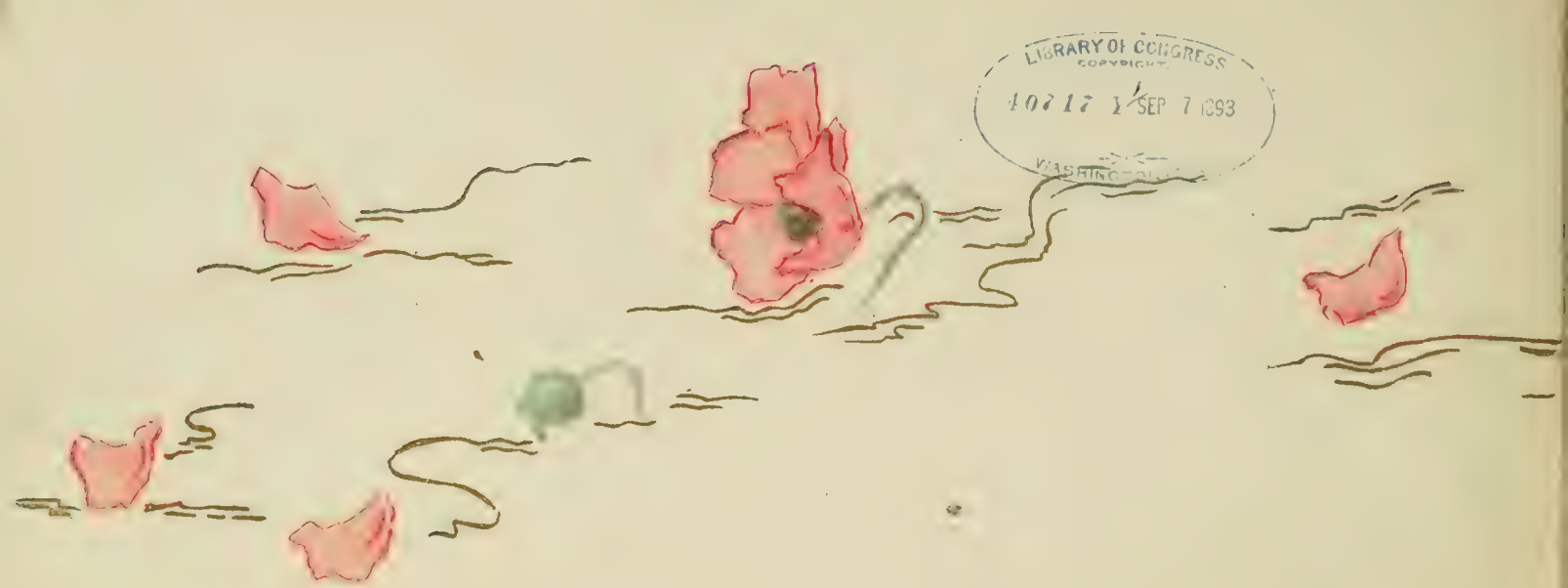
They lift their glances merry
To every passer-by,
And nod a friendly greeting
To bee and butterfly.

And yet, no other flower
Receives such scanty praise,—
They're arrogant and haughty deemed,
For all their winsome ways.

Their robes of gorgeous scarlet
Are called "that flaunting red;"
And just because they laugh so much,
Unkindest things are said!

'Tis true they have no fragrance—
For that they're not to blame:
Their never-varying cheerfulness
Puts sweeter flowers to shame.

I like the sun kissed poppies;
I'm fonder still of you;
So send you here my favorites,
And hope they'll please you too.



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